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ALBERTA ELKS NEWS

Alberta's Own Brother Leonard Shain

***"NO PERSON STANDS SO TALL AS
WHEN THEY STOOP TO HELP A CHILD"***



I am genuinely excited and honored to be the Grand Exalted Ruler and I am truly blessed that our members had and continue to have the confidence in me to lead this great organization.

A little bit about myself, I was born and raised in Coronach, Saskatchewan. My parents are charter members of the Elks and most of my siblings are members.

I joined in 1998 and have filled all the chairs possible in the 24 years I have been a member and hopefully another 24 years being a member.

This said, I have chosen my theme this year to be **"NOT WITHOUT YOU"**.

Every successful organization is actually a collection of committed and talented individuals working together, creating hope for families and making our communities a better place to live.

To my Executive Team and our National Committees, thank you for letting your name stand to be part of the Executive Team and the Committee Teams. I look forward in working with all of you to move our organization forward.

To Sherwood Park Lodge No. 481, a great huge thank you for hosting a successful 109th National Convention in Nisku, Alberta this past July, after a 1-year hiatus in 2020 and 2021 holding a virtual meeting. Without your dedication, we would not have had the opportunity to meet old friends and meet new members who had so much excitement in their hearts, seeing for themselves, our mission and vision hold true for our organization. Again, this would not have happened, **"NOT WITHOUT YOU"**.

We have endured a lot over the past 28 months with our world changing daily and completely shutting down at other times. We have seen families, other organizations and even companies struggling, but we held on and continued our work in our communities doing whatever we could to help get through the pandemic.

Now that we are on an up flow, we need to work even harder to get back on track. You the members are the heart and soul of this organization and without you, we would not be here today. The "MEMBERS" are the leaders of this organization and we need your help to move our organization forward. You have the power to increase membership, make a difference in your community and show how the Elks are a great organization to belong to.

We have many challenges ahead of us to ensure the Order is around for another 100 plus years, and that is why we at every level, Grand Executive, Provincial Associations and Lodges need to work together. We cannot do it alone, **"NOT WITHOUT YOU"**.

The Grand Executive have fully committed to work with the STRAT Plan Committee to assist with the hardest part of our Order, get new members in the front door and keep the members from leaving out the back door. We have dedicated teams of Elk members across Canada that have some incredible ideas, commitment to the Order and a true belief that this country will not be better off without the Elks of Canada.

Barb and I are looking forward to meeting as many members as we can over the next year during our travels and I encourage you to join us at a Lodge near you. Bring your concerns and great ideas and I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have, as you are the reason I do what I do. If your Lodge is planning a special occasion, please ensure you let the Grand Lodge office know, so I can add it to my visitation schedule.

Leonard Shain
Grand Exalted Ruler
Elks of Canada





Brother Ian Sundquist
1st Vice-President Alberta Elks Association
April 2 1950 – August 21 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we report to the Membership the passing of Brother Ian Sundquist, Alberta Elks Association 1st Vice-President, on August 21, 2022.

Brother Ian was an incredible member of the "largest Elks Lodge outside of a city" and so very proud of the community that raised him.

Brother Ian joined the Staveley Elks Lodge the moment he turned of age and went on to serve the Order locally, provincially, and nationally. His girls always joked that he bled purple! but anyone who knew him knew that serving his community brought Ian tremendous joy.

Brother Ian will be missed by everyone who met him and shared a laugh or song with him.

Rest easy Brother, until we meet again



A send off, fit for a king

Audiobooks Kickstart



Alberta Elks President Sister Kelly is spreading happiness with Hunter;

"On behalf of the Alberta Elks Hunter and I were able to take a load of toys to the Alberta Children's Hospital today along with a cheque for \$3000.00 to get the hospital started on purchasing audiobooks. During Covid Hunter had a wish to make sure kids weren't lonely in the hospital, and the Elks got behind him. Love this and hope to take them more money soon."

Breton Elks Donation



We are delighted that the Alberta Elks Foundation approved our grant application for \$5000.00. It will be applied to the Audio/Video system being installed in the Community Centre. The cost remaining will be paid jointly by the Breton Ag Society and us. Accepting the cheque are the Mayor and three councillors.

Carstairs Elks Pitching In



Shout out to the Carstairs Elks for pitching in! The before and after pictures of the flower boxes in the Carstairs Nature Space. Thank you Brother Ernie Bradley and his wife Connie for getting and planting the flowers

Foundation Raffle Winner



Congratulations again Mirelle! Isn't it great to see someone local win the Grand Prize in the Alberta Elks Foundation Raffle. This years winner is Mirelle Martens of Grande Prairie, who collected \$30 000. All money goes towards the Alberta Elks Foundation in order to support charitable causes such as the Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR), Local Community Projects (playgrounds, Children's Sports Teams), Assistance to Children in Need, and the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children

Elk Point Elks 460



We have a number of Lodges that offer yearly post-secondary bursaries and awards. This year Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 awarded 2 local students

Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 Secretary, Bro. Don Pilisko presents Award Certificates to this year's recipients. Cheques for \$1000.00 each will be sent out later this year.

Accepting the E. H. Bjornstad Scholarship is Kori Kozicki
The Steve Kuziw Memorial Award was given to Avery Warawa.

Congratulations and may your post-secondary classes go well.

Canada Day in Grande Prairie



Look at the the Grande Prairie Elks Lodge #285 for Canada Day!

Looks like despite the rain everyone had a great time!

Carstairs Elks 556 Donation



Thank you so much to the Carstairs Elks #556 for their donation to the Carstairs Rodeo Association, they always are such a huge support to our kids events! Accepting on behalf of the Association is Rayel Mader Walker and her awesome kids, who do so much for the Rodeo Association!

Elk Point Steak BBQ



What a fun night! Have a great summer friends and we hope to see you doing amazing things in your little nook of Alberta this fall (or sooner maybe?)

The Elk Point Elks Lodge Number #460 ended off our year with a big bang. Our annual big steak BBQ. We had a great turnout, almost 40 people.
Thank you to all who made this possible. The meal was awesome. The fellowship just as good

Breton Does it Again



We gladly donated \$5000.00 towards the purchase of a patient lift system for one of the rooms at Breton Long Term Care. Accepting the cheque is the care manager and a member of the nursing staff

Once again with the change of Executive members, you may have been asked to send money / gift cards. At the moment the spammers have sent an email out under Kelly Sanford's name.

PLEASE check the email address to ensure that it is correct - there is usually a miniscule difference that is difficult to spot at a glance. Kelly does not need any money or gift cards and has not sent this email request out.

We have tried over the years to stop these requests to no avail. An email has been sent to all Lodges, the Association and Foundation Executives and District Deputies. Also, advising your members to be cautious would be appreciated.

If you're not sure, please contact me.

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Carstairs Beef and Barley Day



A great turnout for the Carstairs Beef and Barley Days Parade. Charlie was very popular with the kids and even a few of the adults. Thank you to the brother and sister Elks that participated in the parade. Shout out to Brother Mike for helping Charlie out!!

Camrose Raffle Winners



This is the winners of the Camrose Elks lodge #70 Raffle from Left to Right:
Royal Purple Loyal Lady Marion Czapp Treasurer
Velma Babiuk, \$500 winner Marie Simpson, \$1500
winner Dallas Ramey, Past Exulted Ruler Gerry Czapp
on behalf of \$3000 winner Rob Miller, and Elks
Treasurer Larry Babiuk

To the Members of the Elks of Canada

Being a Hosting Committee for a convention is not easy. But with members like you across Canada at the back, everything seems effortless. The members has always motivated us and pushed us to the limits so that our organization can see better days. Thank you so much for all the support that you all have provided through thick and thin.

You continue to show true dedication and determination. Without your support, the host committee could not have gone that extra mile to have a successful convention. The Sherwood Park Elks is truly graced with members like you across Canada.

A massive thank you to each one of you for your donation to the Silent Auction.

Host Committee
Sherwood Park Elks #481

THANK YOU!

Brooks Elks Donation



The club and the Aqueduct Enhancement Project received a generous donation from The Brooks Elks Club, \$5000. Many thanks to them for contributing to this project.

Left to right: Kevin Barath, Brad Biette from the Brooks Elks Club, Sally Bartman, Rod Rosland.

The Alberta Elks Foundation is now set up to accept electronic funds (EFT) to our General Account & Gaming Account! Both accounts have auto deposit, so you won't have to create a question or password.

For donations to the General Account please use email address: albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com and add to your Interact e-Transfer contacts. (General funds are funds from a general account)

For donations to the Gaming Account please use email address: abelksfoundation.gaming@gmail.com and add to your Interact e-Transfer contacts. (Gaming funds are funds from your gaming account/casino account)



During the Elks of Canada National Convention this past July members heard a common theme that is invading Lodges across the country. With declining membership, we are staring at the frank possibility of being non-existent in the next 5 years and this fear is in the forefront of all of our minds.

We have reached that tipping point where we can't ignore what's happening to the Order or wait for the scales to tip the other way in our favor, we need concrete action to ensure we are here as an Order for another 100 years and more.

It's always during those social times when we get an opportunity to actually talk with our fellow Brothers and Sisters about what they're doing and share thoughts and ideas. It was during one such time that I got to talking to Alberta Elks Association President Sister Kelly Sanford. With conversations and thoughts going around the small group gathered, I decided to issue a challenge to Sister Kelly. In order to start the recovery of the Elks of Canada, Saskatchewan challenges Alberta to a battle for members. The challenge; who can increase their membership the most based on percentage by the 2023 Provincial Conferences in June. The winner of the challenge gets to write the losers speech that will be shared with members present and makes them wear their Presidential head wear, yep if Saskatchewan wins, I'm wearing Kelly's tiara. BUT she has to wear my Fez if Alberta wins! I think this goes without saying-Saskatchewan is going to win this!

At the end of the day, it's about the members, and both Kelly and I see BOTH Saskatchewan and Alberta gaining members over the next year. Let's show the Country who the Elks are and why we are the "best volunteer organization".

See you at the winners table in June Kelly!

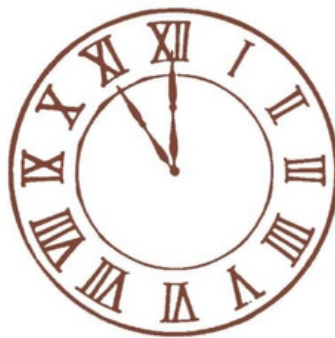
Brother Kyle Stevenson
President- Saskatchewan Elks Association
2022-2023

Brooks Elks Host Paul Brant



Well **WE DID IT!!** We got Paul Brandt to the City of Brooks for an amazing concert! This is a dream come true to pull of such a fundraiser for a great cause! Because of this event we will be able to help even more kids tomorrow. There was no second choice for performers it was always Paul, I believed he was always the perfect fit for our organization. Brooks Elks would like to thank their members, the community and 100 volunteers it took to make this a reality!

With sadness we share with you the following



"It is the hour of eleven when all Elks cease from their labours and again renew within their hearts their obligations to each other with special regard to our absent and departed Members"

Brother Irwin Wilson
January 10, 1933 - July 12, 2022
Delburne Elks Lodge

Brother Gordon Brewer
December 16, 1940 ~ July 20, 2022
Fort Saskatchewan Elks Lodge

Alberta Elks Association
1st Vice President
Brother Ian Sundquist
April 2, 1950 ~ August 21, 2022
Staveley Elks Lodge